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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION SOUGHT OF SYRIAN WAR ZONE:SHIPPING

1. AMERICAN EXPORT LINES HAS NOTIFIED DEPARTMENT THAT IT HAS VESSEL (EXPORT ADVENTURER) AT PORT OF LARNACA, CYPRUS, WITH CARGO DESTINED FOR ISKENDERUN, TURKEY. SHIP IS WAITING INSTRUCTIONS TO SAIL AND HAS BERTH AT ISKENDERUN, ARRANGED JOINTLY THROUGH TURKISH AUTHORITIES AND MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND.

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2. AMERICAN EXPORT OFFICIAL NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT ISKENDERUN

IS WITHIN SYRIAN WAR ZONE AS REPORTEDLY PROCLAIMED BY SYRIAN HIGH COMMAND. THIS WAR ZONE REPORTEDLY DEFINED AS NORTH OF 33 DEGREES NORTH AND EAST OF 34 DEGREES EAST. AMERICAN EXPORT UNDERSTANDS, HOWEVER, THAT TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED INTERPRETATION OF SYRIAN WAR ZONE WHICH EXPLICITLY EXCLUDES TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS (12 MILE ZONE). AMERICAN EXPORT STATES THAT IF TURKISH INTERPRETATION WERE ACCEPTABLE TO SYRIANS THEIR SHIP COULD SAIL TO ISKENDERUN BY FOLLOWING TURKISH COASTLINE WITHIN TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS.

3. AMERICAN EXPORT QUERIED DEPARTMENT AS TO WHETHER ANY MEANS POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN SYRIAN HIGH COMMAND CLARIFICATION OF ITS WAR ZONE, SPECIFICALLY THAT IT CONFORMS WITH TURKISH INTERPRETATION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PASS ABOVE TO ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ASKING FM, IF POSSIBLE, TO OBTAIN THROUGH ITALIAN EMBASSY DAMASCUS CLARIFICATION FROM SYRIAN HIGH COMMAND. KISSINGER

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